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Dear Montana Students,

I'm inviting you to help in the selection process for the next Student Regent by stepping forward to be a candidate for the position, or encouraging fellow students to apply, or otherwise becoming involved in the selection process on your campus.

Current Student Regent Kerra Melvin's term on the Board of Regents expires June 30, 2008. The first step in the appointment process is that each campus's student organization sends recommendations to the Montana Association of Students. Then, the Montana Association of Students – scheduled to meeting during the March Board of Regents' meeting -- will interview candidates and send at least three names to me for the final selection.

The Student Regent serves as the students' voice and advocate. It is one of the most important positions for students. The person selected must commit to spending a lot of time on Board of Regents business – and I would expect the Student Regent would take the time to visit and listen to students on campuses all across the state, as previous Student Regents have done.

While my administration, Board of Regents and the legislature were able to freeze tuition costs, there's more work to do in providing an affordable, relevant and quality higher education.

I want to hear your good ideas not only for higher education, but for a fresh and new perspective into all aspects of government.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer". The signature is stylized with a large "B" and a long, sweeping line that ends in a sharp hook.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER  
Governor